HOUSE BILL No. 1905

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 22-1-1.5-1; IC 22-4.

Synopsis: Technical corrections. Makes technical corrections in the unemployment compensation statute.

Effective: July 1, 2003.

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January 23, 2003, read first time and referred to Committee on Labor and Employment.





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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning labor and industrial safety.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SECTION 1. IC 22-1-1.5-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2003]: Sec. 1. All personnel excepting except the commissioner of labor and his the commissioner's deputies shall be employed according to the provisions of the "State Personnel Act," the same being IC 1971, IC 4-15-2.

SECTION 2. IC 22-4-2-12 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2003]: Sec. 12. "Base period" means the first four (4) of the last five (5) completed calendar quarters immediately preceding the first day of an individual's benefit period. Provided, However, That for a claim computed in accordance with 1C 1971, IC 22-4-22, the base period shall be the base period as outlined in the paying state's law.

SECTION 3. IC 22-4-2-32 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2003]: Sec. 32. "Payment in lieu of contributions" means the required reimbursements by employers of benefits paid attributable to services performed for such employers

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1	which are liable to make these payments as provided in IC 1971,
2	IC 22-4-10-1. of this article. These payments shall equal the amount of
3	regular benefits and one-half (1/2) of the extended benefits paid as are
4	attributable to services in the employ of such liable employers.
5	SECTION 4. IC 22-4-2-33 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
6	FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2003]: Sec. 33. The term "new
7	work" wherever used in this article including IC 1971, IC 22-4-15-2
8	means:
9	(a) (1) work offered to an individual by an employer with whom
10	he the individual has never had a contract of employment;
11	(b) (2) work offered to an individual by his the individual's last

- (b) (2) work offered to an individual by his the individual's last employer or any other employer with whom he the individual does not have a contract of employment at the time the offer is made; and
- (c) (3) work offered to an individual by his the individual's present employer of:
 - (i) (A) different duties from those he the individual has agreed to perform in his the individual's existing contract of employment; or
 - (ii) (B) different terms or conditions of employment from those in his the individual's existing contract.

SECTION 5. IC 22-4-9-3 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2003]: Sec. 3. (a) Any employer subject to the this article as successor to an employer pursuant to the provisions of subsections (a) or (b) of IC 1971, 22-4-7-2 hereof IC 22-4-7-2(a) or IC 22-4-7-2(b) shall cease to be an employer at the end of the year in which the acquisition occurs only if the board finds that within such calendar year the employment experience of the predecessor prior to the date of disposition combined with the employment experience of the successor subsequent to the date of acquisition would not be sufficient to qualify the successor employer as an employer under the provisions of IC 1971, IC 22-4-7-1. Provided, that no such A successor employer may ceased not cease to be an employer subject to this article at the end of the first year of the current period of coverage of the predecessor employer. If all of the resources and liabilities of the experience account of an employer are assumed by another in accordance with the provisions of IC 1971, IC 22-4-10-6 or IC 22-4-10-7, hereof, such employer's status as employer and under this article is hereby terminated unless and until such employer subsequently qualifies under the provisions of IC 1971, IC 22-4-7-1 or IC 22-4-7-2 hereof or elects to become an employer under IC 1971, IC 22-4-9-4 or IC 22-4-9-5.



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(b) If no application for termination, as herein provided, is filed by an employer and/or if four (4) full calendar years have elapsed since any contributions have become payable from such employer, then and in such cases the board may terminate such employer's experience account.

SECTION 6. IC 22-4-10-7 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2003]: Sec. 7. (a) When an employing unit (whether or not an employing unit prior thereto) assumes all of the resources and liabilities of the experience account of a predecessor employer, as provided in IC 1971, IC 22-4-10-6, hereof, amounts paid by such predecessor employer shall be deemed to have been so paid by such successor employer. The experience of such predecessor with respect to unemployment risk, including but not limited to past payrolls and contributions, shall be credited to the account of such successor.

(b) The payments of benefits to an individual shall not in any case be denied or withheld because the experience account of an employer does not reflect a balance and total of contributions paid to be in excess of benefits charged to such experience account.

SECTION 7. IC 22-4-14-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2003]: Sec. 1. An unemployed individual shall be eligible to receive benefits with respect to any week only if He the individual has made a claim for benefits in accordance with the provisions of IC 1971, IC 22-4-17-1. hereof: Provided, However, That a person accepting layoff under an inverse seniority clause of a validly negotiated contract be is entitled to all benefits as any other unemployed person under the terms of this article Provided, That he if the individual meets the other requirements of this article.

SECTION 8. IC 22-4-15-5 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2003]: Sec. 5. Except as provided in 1C 1971, IC 22-4-22, an individual shall be ineligible for waiting period or benefit rights for any week with respect to which or a part of which he the individual receives, is receiving, has received, or is seeking unemployment benefits under an unemployment compensation law of another state or of the United States. Provided, That This disqualification shall not apply if the appropriate agency of such other state or of the United States finally determines that he the individual is not entitled to such employment benefits, including benefits to federal civilian employees and ex-servicemen pursuant to 5 U.S.C. Chapter 85.

SECTION 9. IC 22-4-22-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2003]: Sec. 1. The board shall enter



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into arrangements with the appropriate agencies of other states or
jurisdictions or the United States of America whereby individuals
performing services in this and other states or jurisdictions for a single
employing unit under circumstances not specifically provided for in
IC 1971, IC 22-4-8-2(b) of this article, or under similar provisions in
the unemployment compensation laws of such other states or
jurisdictions, shall be deemed to be employment performed entirely
within this state or within one (1) of such other states or jurisdictions,
and whereby potential rights to benefits accumulated under the
unemployment compensation laws of several states or jurisdictions, or
under such a law of the United States of America, or both, may
constitute the basis for the payment of benefits through a single
appropriate agency under the terms which the board finds will be fair
and reasonable to all affected interests and will not result in substantial
loss to the fund



